

REGION X CHAPTER VPPPA

September 26, 2013

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

CONFERENCE CALL (208-533-0949)

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Attendance: All BOD members were present with the exception of Terry Schuebert who is on travel today (excused absence). Additional attendees were Carol Henning – DOE, Sharell Lien – Oregon.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 with a quorum.

Safety Topic: Bonnie Anderson reminded everyone there are a lot of animals on the roads right now be careful as you travel throughout the day and be on alert to avoid contact with the critters. Liz Norton also shared an observation and a reminder on bike riding, often children have the proper PPE (Helmets) but parents do not – let us the parents and adults be a model for the kids with PPE.

National Conference Feedback comments:

Don – no improvement areas to note but thought the workshops were great.

Brian, very good food and service.

Rocky, have the national committee announce the workshop room changes in a better way for all the participants.

Michelle liked the hotel and customer service.

Bonnie, thought the reception was a big hit did some networking with folks in our region who have never attended this conference before – building relationships.

There was a question on why folks were leaving the reception so early. Bonnie will roll up the comments and share with the national committee later.

*A reminder to be at the Region X Summit on the Sunday before (for set up and a walk through).

Committee reports:

Rocky, nothing to report on the membership committee but will start working with the board on a letter addressed to new sites about our work and let them know we are here to support them.

Michelle, awards committee – she is making some adjustments and will relook at the draft before she sends out to the board for review.

Don is contacting potential new vendors who would like to support the Region X Summit. Don has several contacts to work with.

Sharell Lien did ask everyone who has any vendor contacts to provide a business card or contact information for the data base.

Sharell, Alaska Event Service (AES) was recommended to her for the support service at the Region X Summit. Sharell has talked with the group and thinks their service is what we need. A motion was made by Tim Taylor and 2nd by Liz Norton to have Sharell pursue a contact with Alaska Event Services (AES) as our support contactor for the event - approved unanimously.

Tim, communications committee is doing ok but asked everyone to send him items of interest for the newsletter.

Brian, mentoring committee - Brian is getting registered with the national office – that should be complete and confirmed at the national BOD meeting in November.

Region X Action Committees:

Brian, VPP Fundamentals – the workshops are almost full.

Don, technical workshops Don has many options so his five slots are basically done.

Rocky, Leadership - I have an Idaho presentation and the L/M commitment workshop. I have asked our agency partners to provide someone from their state to participate – I am still waiting to hear from them.

Liz, has 1 of 5 filled but did get some good ideas from others to work on.

Tim, has several options with some back up's – in good shape.

Michelle, we will have an STS class.

We will review everything again at the Oct BOD meeting and figure out the slots / will backfill with other workshops submitted at that time. Sharell Lien will capture the information and populated it on the grid she has established as the master plan.

Brian did share some of the efforts he has made for us on the Alaska location: Brian did find a potential 1K sponsor and will follow up with them to confirm. Facility Magazine has agreed to advertise our Region X Summit information in their publication at no cost to us. Backpacks were ordered Brian will bring samples to the Oct BOD meeting. Alaska Air did confirm a discount rate for our travelers. No update on Fed Ex discount rates. Hobo Jim has confirmed and is locked in.

Pre-conference workshops:

Application workshop, Ralph Seeley, Jean and Jim (or a replacement), Dan Miller (Region X will recognize Dan for his years of service to the region workers), Bruce Madsen. Sharell is tracking the entire workshops on the master grid.

Elections – these will be posted and advertised.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff and 2nd by Michelle - approved unanimously.

Next BOD meeting is Oct 28/29 in Portland Oregon.

Rocky Simmons

Region X Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rocky Simmons', is written over the typed name and title.

